

Are you eligible for Medicaid?

Am I Eligible?

The Affordable Care Act of 2010 gave states the option to expand their Medicaid program to include individuals who were not previously eligible. In 2013, West Virginia chose to expand Medicaid coverage.

If you are between the ages of 19 and 64 you may qualify for Medicaid starting October 1, 2013, with coverage starting January 1, 2014.

Your eligibility for Medicaid coverage will depend on two factors: modified adjusted income and the size of your household.

What is Modified Adjusted Income (MAGI)?

MAGI is based on federal tax rules for determining adjusted gross income with some modifications.

Income of all adults, parents and spouses in the household is counted. Income of children or other tax dependents is counted only if they are required to file taxes.

Income that is not counted includes:

- Scholarships, grants, and awards used for educational purposes
- Child support income
- Workers compensation benefits
- Veteran's benefits
- Non-recurring lump sum payments
- Certain American Indian and Alaska Native income

How is household size determined?

Household size is determined based on who you may claim as a dependent on your federal tax return. This may include:

- You
- Your spouse
- Your dependent children (biological, adopted or stepchildren)
- Other relatives and even non-relatives who qualify as dependents

The chart below provides general guidance on whether you and your family may qualify for Medicaid based on household size and income.

Number of people in household	Your 2013 Modified Adjusted Yearly Income is no more than:
1	\$15,856
2	\$21,403
3	\$26,951
4	\$32,499



What type of coverage will I have with Medicaid?

As a Medicaid member you will have access to physicians, diagnostic testing, in-patient and out-patient hospital care, prescription drugs, durable medical equipment, behavioral health services, and other services as may be appropriate to your health care needs.

If your child is under the age of 21, he or she will have access to the same services as adults plus early periodic diagnosis and treatment, eye and dental care. More information on Medicaid services can be found at www.dhhr.wv.gov/bms.

How do I apply for Medicaid?

Starting October 1, 2013, there will be a variety of ways to check your eligibility and apply for Medicaid, including:

- On-line at the Health Insurance Marketplace at www.HealthCare.gov
- On-line at www.wvinRoads.org
- By phoning the Federal call center at 1-800-318-2596
- In person at your local WV Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) office. A list of offices can be found at www.wvdhhr.org/bcf/county
- Many community agencies have navigators and/or in-person assisters to help you apply. You can find a list of these organizations at www.bewv.com